

GSAA Celebration and Transition Meeting
August 31, 2016 ♦ Charleston, SC

Please join us to provide your input on the development of a new regional network for ocean and coastal professionals, building on the successes of the Governors' South Atlantic Alliance.

A Transition Team of GSAA members has been charged with identifying potential options for transitioning the GSAA to a new model of regional partnership that better fits the needs of the region. As a first step, the Transition Team issued a survey to assess broad stakeholder interest in developing a new network and the focus for such a network. This meeting is the next step in transitioning the GSAA, providing an opportunity for participants to form the vision of a revitalized regional network that builds on the GSAA's successes in understanding coastal vulnerabilities, assessing the health of coastal watersheds, and building community resilience through creative solutions (e.g. living shorelines, clean and resilient marinas).

We invite you to join us in identifying a new path forward for regional partnership in the Southeast.

Who Should Attend?

Professionals from government, academia, non-profits, or the private sector who have an interest in collaborating on ocean and coastal issues at a regional scale in NC, SC, GA, or FL.

Please Register Here:

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Agenda Overview:

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

9:00 Building on Success: Highlighting Best Practices from the GSAA
Participants in GSAA workgroups and projects will share their experiences and feedback on what worked and how a new network could build on GSAA successes.

10:30 And the Survey Says...
Presentation will review the results of the Regional Network Interest Survey issued by the GSAA Transition Team.

11:00 Transition Planning: Setting the Purpose
Facilitated discussion reviewing and assessing interest in the proposed purpose of a new network:
The purpose of our collaborative is to provide a forum in the Southeast for:

- *identifying emerging regional coastal and ocean challenges*
- *capitalizing on opportunities to take action on shared challenges, and*
- *building strong multi-disciplinary/ multi-sector networks*

12:00 Lunch

Participants will be free to choose from the numerous lunch options that are available in Charleston's historic district.

1:30 Transition Planning: Identifying the Issues

A more in-depth look at the responses to the survey on possible areas of focus for a new network and facilitated discussion on the approach a network might take in addressing these issues.

2:30 Transition Planning: Building the Network

Review of potential options for building a new network and an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on these options.

4:00 Transition Planning: Next Steps

Facilitated discussion based on the outcomes of the day's discussions and assessment of interest for moving forward.

5:00 Adjourn

Meeting Venue: Doubletree Charleston – Historic District, 181 Church St, Charleston, SC

Website: <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/south-carolina/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-and-suites-charleston-historic-district-CHSCSDT/index.html>

A small block of 10 rooms is available at the government rate of \$171 for the night of August 30th. **Please call 843-577-2644 to make your reservation; reference GSAA.**

The GSAA is not able to provide travel reimbursements for this event.

Evening Reception: Pavilion Bar at the Market Pavilion Hotel, 225 East Bay St, Charleston, SC

A reception will be held on **Tuesday, August 30th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm** at the Pavilion Bar, a rooftop bar with exquisite views of downtown Charleston. Please join us!

Take the Survey!

If you have not yet completed the Regional Network Interest Survey, please do so at the link below.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ecypesu9iqs49nsu/start>